



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 17-025: SHILLAPOO WILDLIFE AREA REPAIRS

Description of Proposal:

The project would be located within the Shillapoo Wildlife Area North Unit, along the south-central portion of an 81-acre emergent marsh seasonal wetland managed by WDFW as forage for wintering waterfowl and to provide recreational hunting opportunities. The project would replace an existing fixed concrete riser with an in-line water control structure with flashboards to allow water levels in the wetland to be managed to favor native plant establishment and control of reed canary grass. The project would also repair and relocate a failing berm to restore the ability to impound water within the wetland and to provide reliable access for maintenance and farm vehicles within the Wildlife Area. A spillway would be constructed on the west side of the new berm to ensure high water events in the wetland do not overtop the new berm and/or damage the water control structure. The fence line would be moved to parallel the new berm to further exclude livestock from the wetland. The project area encompasses about 1 acre (impacts would occur within a smaller footprint of the project area).

Excavation would be required to remove the existing riser and berm; to excavate the new spillway; and to obtain soils from the borrow area. Fill would be associated with relocation of the new berm. Excavation would affect 0.09 acre within the project area; fill associated with the new berm would affect an additional 0.03 acre. All fill to construct the new berm would be sourced onsite (i.e., from the existing berm, borrow area, and spillway).

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: North Unit of the WDFW Shillapoo Wildlife Area, adjacent to Lower River Road, northwest of Vancouver, Clark County, Washington: Township 3N, Range 1E, Section 24.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of

the date of this letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on May 16, 2017.**

Method of Comment: The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

DATE OF ISSUE: May 2, 2017

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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